

MEMORANDUM REPORT

BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

DISTRICT NO. 2

GEN. FILE TITLE: MAURICE CASTALLANI et al.

CASE FILE NO.

REPORT MADE

AT: New York City, N.Y.
 DATE: October 11, 1965
 BY: Mortimer L. Benjamin
 Narcotic Agent

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OTHER OFFICERS

Francis E. Waters
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SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM

Investigation into the activities of
 MAURICE CASTALLANI and Joseph Irving
 BROWN.

RECOMMENDATION

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(If report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. Reference is made to memorandum dated September 30, 1965 by Acting Commissioner of Narcotics, Mr. George H. Gaffney, concerning the activities of Maurice CASTALLANI and Irving Joseph BROWN.

2. As instructed by Mr. Gaffney, the reporting Agent has arranged to coordinate this investigation with the Customs Agency in New York. On October 5, 1965, I visited the Office of U.S. Customs in New York City and reviewed their file on CASTALLANI and BROWN. Customs Agent Julius Zanovsky has indicated that his office will assist us in the furtherance of this investigation. He also assured me that CASTALLANI or BROWN would not be placed on a "Customs Check List" nor be alerted by them in any other way.

3. The files of this office were reviewed in connection with CASTALLANI and BROWN and the following is a summation of the facts now known about both suspects:

4. MAURICE CASTALLANI: CASTALLANI first came to the attention of this office when mentioned in Agent Francis Waters' memo dated March 16, 1965. It was then established that CASTALLANI was travelling from Paris, France to Attica, New York for the purpose of delivering substantial amounts of money to Francois SCAGLIA. (SCAGLIA is currently serving a lengthy prison term in Attica State Prison as a result of his conviction in case NY:E 1287. A call to the warden at Attica ascertained that CASTALLANI visited SCAGLIA on the following dates: May 29, 1964; September 25, 1964; February 15, 1965; and September 20, 1965. The records at the prison indicate that CASTALLANI presented himself as a friend of SCAGLIA, who was in the meat packing business, and gave his address as 62 Rue Delalocque, Foucetot, Paris.

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5. Maurice CASTALLANI @ "LE PETIT MAURICE" (LITTLE MAURICE) was born on July 28, 1921 in Marseilles, France. His parents are Ange CASTALLANI and Louise MAURIZO. CASTALLANI is well known to Interpol Paris BCN as a "well known member among robbers and racketeers." Interpol also stated that CASTALLANI, accompanied by Irving Joseph BROWN, left Paris on September 15, 1965 on Flight 625 Air France for New York.

6. CASTALLANI's arrival on September 15, 1965 has been confirmed by checking the Customs Declaration, however BROWN's name could not be found. Due to previous difficulties in obtaining information from Air France, it was decided not to make inquiry through Air France. However, further confirmation of CASTALLANI and BROWN's flight as well as possible departure will be attempted through Customs and INS.

7. IRVING JOSEPH BROWN: BROWN came to the attention of this Office as far back as April, 1962, when he was mentioned in connection with the TARDITI Case NY:S 16787. BROWN is an associate of Georges BAYON and Carmel OFFIE. BROWN's name came up in the BAYON-CHRISTMAN CASE as a friend of BAYON who frequented BAYON's restaurant in France which was believed to be a place used by BAYON to recruit diplomats for courier ventures. BROWN's wife, LILY, is employed by OFFIE as an executive secretary in his firm AMERICAN ORKA at 444 Madison Avenue, New York City (A boat equipment firm).

8. BROWN who is employed by AF of I-CIO was appointed on March 29, 1952 as a representative of the INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATIONS OF FREE TRADE UNIONS at the United Nations (This position enables BROWN free access to the restricted Western Union and other restricted wire services available for a correspondence of United Nations).

9. BROWN's reputation has been under attack numerous times by columnist Westbrook Pegler who called BROWN a radical marxian-socialist, a communist, a hoodlum and a parasite. He also stated that BROWN was the right handman of Jay LOVESTROM, first chief of the Communist Party in this country. However, there are numerous mentions in various newspapers describing BROWN's anti-communist attitude and activities as well as praised by such notables as Averill Harriman and General Lucius Clay for his work for our Government during World War II. A copy of a news item in the March 31, 1962 including BROWN's picture and announcing his appointment as representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions at the United Nations is forwarded with this report.

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10. The following information is quoted from Agent Robert J. Fury's memorandum report dated May 16, 1962, for whatever action the Bureau feels appropriate: "4. As a result of these newspaper articles by Pegler, the F.B.I. Files were checked on BROWN. Special Agent John Hayes revealed that their files on BROWN carried no derogatory information and that no case file had been opened on him. The only investigation done on BROWN was at the time, during World War II, when he was employed by the War Production Board. There is a possibility that BROWN is connected, in some manner, with the Central Intelligence Agency".

11. It is requested that the Bureau verify BROWN's conjecture with the C.I.A. and possibly utilize his services should he turn out to be a Government Agent.

12. Irving Joseph BROWN was born on November 20, 1911 in New York City, New York. He and his wife Lily, who was born December 19, 1912 in Berlin, Germany, have a son, Robert Manuel BROWN, who was born on November 23, 1942 in New York City, New York. BROWN's current residence in this country is 510 East 86th Street, New York City. Telephone number RE 7-7046. Toll calls at this address have been requested. Mail coverage will also be initiated. BROWN's business address is 345 East 46th Street, New York City. Telephone number OK 7-0404 (AFL-CIO Commission for the United Nations Inc.).

13. A discreet telephone inquiry at BROWN's office ascertained that BROWN was alleged to have left the country on September 23, 1965. It should be noted that Mr. Andrew C. Tartaglino telegraphic message dated 9-30-65 alleged that CASTALLANI also left New York on September 23, 1965, destination unknown.

14. Reference is made to office memorandum number 32722 dated 7-12-65 by Mr. Henry L. Manfredit, Acting District Supervisor Rome, Italy requesting information regarding Letter #32355. Further, reference is made to office memorandum by Mr. Norman R. Natuozzi, Acting District Supervisor, New York, New York, dated July 21, 1965, requesting a copy of Letter #32355. A copy of this letter does not appear to have been forwarded. It is again requested that this correspondence be forwarded to this District so that Mr. Manfredit's request may be complied with.

15. Reference is made to memorandum dated September 30, 1965 by Mr. George H. Gaffney, Acting Commissioner of Narcotics, subject Maurice CASTALLANI. In this memo, Mr. Gaffney makes mention to several reports pertaining to Irving Joseph BROWN. Two of these reports "DISCUBACK-26059" and "Agent Tartaglino-6-13-62" are not in file in this Office. It is requested that the Bureau forward District two copies of the two aforementioned reports. (Con't)

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16. Reference is further made to memorandum of Mr. Andrew C. Tartaglino, Office of Law Enforcement Coordination, dated 9-30-65, stating that a photo of CASTALLANI has been forwarded to the Bureau of Customs. On October 7, 1965, reporting Agent conferred with Customs Agent Zamosky and learned that they have just received a photo mentioned in Mr. Tartaglino's memo. Agent Zamosky will forward this Office copies of subject pictures as soon as they are reproduced.

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SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM

Investigation of MAURICE CASTALLANI and
IRVING JOSEPH BROWN.

RECOMMENDATION

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DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 11, 1965, concerning the activities of Maurice CASTALLANI and Irving Joseph BROWN.

2. Reference is made to memorandum dated September 27, 1962, by Narcotic Agent Walter H. Morris, Washington, D.C., concerning a passport check for Irving and Lilly BROWN. It was ascertained at that time that neither Irving Joseph BROWN nor his wife, Lilly, had diplomatic passports. However, since Agent Morris' memorandum of 1962, BROWN appears to have obtained several promotions which have increased his importance and connection with the United Nations. It is therefore requested that the Washington Branch Office again check with the Passport Office in Washington, D.C. to determine whether or not BROWN presently holds a diplomatic passport. The last known passport number of Irving Joseph BROWN is B-483975, issued on September 7, 1961, at Washington, D.C.

3. On October 18, 1965, the reporting Agent made inquiries at the I.N.S. in New York City, in an effort to determine arrival and departure dates of both CASTALLANI and BROWN. A check of the Immigration & Naturalization files indicated that there was no Form I-94 (form which is filled out by any visitor entering or leaving the U.S.) on file for either BROWN or CASTALLANI on Flight 025, Air France on September 15, 1965. A count was then taken of all Forms I-94 on Flight 025, Air France, on September 15, 1965, and it was then learned that three of these forms were missing in the files of that office. No possible explanation could be determined other than that during the confusion of an in-bound flight, there is an opportunity

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for a passenger to pass through the Immigration Service without handing in the required form.

4. Inasmuch as three of these forms appear to be missing for Flight 025, Air France, there is a possibility that one of the other missing forms might be that of Irving Joseph BROWN. A check with U.S. Customs Service indicated the presence of CASTALLANI on Flight 025, Air France, but no mention was made of Irving Joseph BROWN. The I.N.S. in New York has wired their Washington Office to ascertain whether or not they have on record in their office, copies of Form I-94 for CASTALLANI or BROWN and, if so, will forward same to this office.

5. The further developments in this case will be reported as they occur.

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1. Reference is made to memorandum report dated November 8, 1965 by Mr. Ernest M. Gentry, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, concerning the activities of suspect IRVING JOSEPH BROWN.

2. BROWN, who is connected with the United Nations through his position with the AFL-CIO United Nations Committee, is now known to be closely associated with MAURICE CASTALLANI and other French underworld characters. Both BROWN and CASTALLANI are believed to be periodically flying in and out of this country together, arriving and departing from JFK International Airport.

3. On November 17, 1965, Group Leader Francis E. Waters, conferred with Customs Agent Julian Zamosky concerning this investigation. Agent Zamosky was informed, that even though BROWN does not have diplomatic status, we believe the possibility exists that at New York, because of his frequent travel during the past 20 years, he may enjoy officially or unofficially courtesy of port privileges. This might enable him to move luggage through Customs unopened. Agent Zamosky indicated that he would discreetly attempt to determine whether or not BROWN did in fact enjoy such privileges. Agent Zamosky agreed that any investigation conducted by his office would be made in a manner showing the utmost discretion.

4. It is requested that District #17 should, if possible, ascertain BROWN's next arrival date in New York, so that close surveillance can be conducted while he passes through Customs.

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SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM

Surveillance of Maurice CASTELLANI
and Irving Joseph BROWN.

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DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. Reference is made to teletype message dated November 23, 1965, by Mr. John Cusak, Washington, D.C., concerning the arrival of suspects Maurice CASTELLANI and Irving Joseph BROWN at John F. Kennedy Airport, on Friday November 19, 1965.

2. Upon receipt of the above information, the reporting Agent immediately attempted to ascertain the flight CASTELLANI and BROWN arrived on. Inasmuch as these suspects were expected to be flying Air France, this task was made more complicated. All arrivals on November 19, 1965, by Air France and Pan American were checked by Customs and Immigration and Naturalization Service, with negative results.

3. Inasmuch as CASTELLANI, on previous trips, visited Francois SCAGLIA at Attica State Prison, New York, it was anticipated that he would again make such a visit. With this in mind, a call was placed to Warden Vincent Mancusi at Attica and it was then learned that a letter was required whenever a non-relative wished to visit an inmate. No such letter was on file at the time of the above inquiry. However, shortly after the inquiry, the Deputy Warden called back and informed me that immediately after our call, a Miss N. SPATZ called the prison and requested permission for a Mr. Maurice CASTELLANI to visit with SCAGLIA on Friday, November 26, 1965, and permission was granted.

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4. Miss N. SPATZ has been further identified as Naomi SPATZ employed by AFL-CIO and/or Irving Joseph BROWN. It has been established that Miss SPATZ either resides in or works in Room 1702 South, at the Beaux Arts Hotel, 310 East 44th Street, New York City. This room is rented on a yearly basis by the AFL-CIO through Miss SPATZ. The hotel records indicated that CASTELLANI registered in the hotel on February 13, 1965. Although there is no record of him registering since then, anyone with a key has access without checking at the desk. Room 1702 South faces 44th Street and is situated on the southeast corner of the building. The room consists of a bedroom whose terrace faces 44th Street and a living room with a wood-burning fireplace.

5. Arrangements were made between Group Leader Francis Waters and Warden Mancusi by which Agents Durham and Giovino and I would go to the prison and attempt to perform close surveillance of CASTELLANI'S conversation with SCAGLIA, with the help of technical aids. On the evening of November 26, 1965, Agents Durham and I arrived at Attica Prison and, with the assistance of Warden Mancusi, proceeded to wire the visiting room of the prison. Elaborate precautions were made to insure CASTELLANI sitting close to the concealed microphone during his visit. However, due to the holiday weekend, more than the normal amount of visitors were present (more than 40 visitors and prisoners in the same room), during CASTELLANI'S two (2) hour visit with SCAGLIA. Due to the crowding of the room, no distinguishable conversation could be heard.

6. On the morning of November 26, 1965, at approximately 9:10 A.M., CASTELLANI arrived at Attica Prison by taxi #112, owned by the Van Dyk Cab Company, bearing Ontario plate #722-958, and New York plate #012112. The cab remained in the prison parking lot obviously waiting for CASTELLANI. CASTELLANI visited with SCAGLIA for about two (2) hours, and then was seen to leave the prison and re-enter the before described taxi cab. Prior to CASTELLANI leaving the prison, the Deputy Warden, at my request spoke with him, and informed him that due to prison regulations, he would have to, in the future, write the prison at least ten days in advance to request a visit with an inmate who was not a relative.

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This has been a long standing regulation at Attica but, it had not been strictly enforced. To dispel any suspicion, it was explained that Warden Mancusi, who had been newly appointed, is now insisting that all prison regulations are strictly enforced. This will insure earlier notice of CASTELLANI'S arrival on future trips to this country and assist this office in maintaining surveillance.

7. CASTELLANI left the prison at approximately 11:10 A.M., entered the front seat of the cab and then was driven to and parked in front of the Marine Trust Bank, Attica, New York. The cab driver then left the cab, entered the bank and returned to the cab in about 2 or 3 minutes. CASTELLANI then drove to Buffalo Airport, where he and I boarded American Airlines Flight #746, which departed 1/2 hour late, 12:30 P.M., and arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport at 1:30 P.M. At John F. Kennedy Airport, I was met by other Agents of Group #4, pointed CASTELLANI out to them as he deplaned and, then followed him to the Beaux Arts Hotel, where he arrived via taxi at about 2:15 P.M.

8. Around the clock surveillance was then maintained on this suspect. On November 27, 1965, at about 3:00 P.M., CASTELLANI was seen leaving the Beaux Arts Hotel, he walked to 2nd Avenue, where he entered a cab. He was lost in heavy traffic at this point, but, was seen re-entering the hotel at 5:00 P.M., that same evening, carrying a brown shopping bag apparently full of groceries. It was later learned by the writer that on the evening of the 27th (Saturday) CASTELLANI gave a belated birthday party for BROWN.

9. On Sunday, November 28, 1965, at about 3:00 P.M., I saw CASTELLANI and a male, later identified as BROWN, an unidentified male, and an unidentified middle-aged woman with silver grey hair, leave the hotel. CASTELLANI hailed two cabs. He and the unidentified male got into one; and BROWN and the unidentified woman got into the other. CASTELLANI (red and yellow cab #6A60 bearing New York Plate #024744) was followed to 435 East 65th

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Street, New York City, where it double-parked long enough for unidentified reddish-blonde woman to enter the cab. They then drove to the southwest corner of 59th Street and 6th Avenue, where all three exited the cab. They then were followed by Agents Holborow and I to Rockefeller Center, where they entered the lobby and were met by BROWN and the grey-haired woman. All five of them then entered the elevator and went to the 46th floor. They checked their coats at the Sky Room coat room and then entered the Sky Room elevator and went to the Sky Room for dinner.

10. CASTELLANI and his party remained in the Sky Room for over two hours. During this time Agent Holborow and I managed to enter the coat room and searched CASTELLANI and BROWN'S coats. In CASTELLANI'S coat pocket, a key to Room #1702 South was found. BROWN'S coat which was hung on the same hanger inside of CASTELLANI'S coat was also searched. A Trade Paper of the AFL-CIO was found, together with a birthday card addressed to Irving Joseph BROWN, 310 East 44th Street, signed to "EWANA" from "JOHN CC" and postmarked November 26, 1965, from Maryland.

11. At approximately 4:50 P.M., CASTELLANI and his party returned for their coats and then were followed to the lobby of Rockefeller Center. They were then followed into a Mexican Restaurant, La Venda Delsol, which is also situated in Rockefeller Plaza. It is now apparent, that while Agents Holborow and I walked around the outside of the restaurant to determine how many exits had to be covered, CASTELLANI and his party, who were last seen in the restaurant at 5:00 P.M., left unseen by the surveilling Agents.

12. Surveillance was immediately placed on the Beaux Arts Hotel in order to determine if CASTELLANI would return. However, on Tuesday, November 30, 1965, at about 3:00 P.M., when it was reported that CASTELLANI had not returned, surveillance was discontinued. It is believed that CASTELLANI returned to Paris sometime during Sunday night, November 28, 1965 and Monday morning, November 29, 1965. The reporting Agent is presently attempting to verify CASTELLANI'S departure, as well as his reported arrival on November 19, 1965.

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13. It is requested that the Buffalo Office interview the driver of the cab described in paragraph #6 of this report to determine if there is any significance to his stop at the Marine Trust Bank in Attica, time and place he picked up CASTELLANI, and any other pertinent information he might have. CASTELLANI'S arrival flight in Buffalo has still not been ascertained, although he did have a return reservation for the American Airlines 2:00 P.M. flight from Buffalo to New York, (which he did not take). American Airlines in New York checked their Buffalo flights and could not find CASTELLANI'S name. It is also requested that the Buffalo Office check with American Airlines and any other airline having early morning arrivals, to determine what flight CASTELLANI used to arrive in Buffalo, arriving possibly from a place other than New York City.

14. DESCRIPTIONS:

MAURICE CASTELLANI @ LE PETIT MAURICE, was born on July 28, 1924, in Marseilles, France. He is approximately 5' 5" tall, medium build, dark brown hair. When seen in Attica, New York, on November 26, 1965, he was wearing a grey overcoat with a belt in back, dark tie, white shirt, black hair, dark leather gloves, black loafers, dark pants, and, no hat. When seen on November 28, 1965, he was wearing the same overcoat over a grey suit.

IRVING JOSEPH BROWN was born on November 20, 1811, in New York City, New York. BROWN is approximately 5' 11", and has black hair. When seen with CASTELLANI on November 28, 1965, he was wearing a dark navy blue topecoat and no hat.

The unidentified male seen with BROWN and CASTELLANI on November 28, 1965, was approximately 5' 9" tall, medium build, and wore a dark coat.

The unidentified silver-grey haired woman seen with CASTELLANI and BROWN was between 35 to 45 years old, medium to heavy build, approximately 5' 5" tall. She wore a dark overcoat.

The unidentified reddish-blonde woman seen with BROWN and CASTELLANI on November 28, 1965, was approximately 5' 5" tall, medium build, between 30 and 35 years of age, attractive, and wore a brown suit with a dark ring of fur around the waist. She wore no coat.